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[Q: According to available information], a Czech who is living in ISTANBUL -
 - has been recruited by the British Intelligence Service [RAZVEDKA]
 under number 18735. At various times he has reported to the "Secret Service [SEKRET-
 SERVIS]" about proposals he had received from Soviet workers and the Iranian Consul
 in ISTANBUL - KERNAN [KERNAN] - who is working for the Soviet Intelligence Service.
 On 26th June handed over to the latter with the consent of the British
 Intelligence Service some political information which is ~~not~~ (2 groups unrecovered).
 In October of this year [1] stated that he had been approached by some Soviet
 official's chauffeur who passed word that his boss wished to meet at the
 latter's flat. On 16th October the Soviet official met , and after having
 introduced himself as ...CHERNOV [11] (the beginning of the name is unintelligible),
 suggested that he should work for the Soviet Intelligence Service. In reply
 to his request for instructions was told by the British Intelligence Service to
 continue with the Russians until such time as they themselves declined it. Will you
 cautiously [Q: find out] whether the reported facts actually took place, and who
 the "Soviet official" mentioned [2 groups unrecovered] is. If it is one of the
 Neighbours' [11] workers, he must be put in the picture about 's' belonging to
 the British Intelligence Service and about the instructions he has received. At
 the same time supply full information about .

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Comments: [1]

- [ii] Presumably Lt. Col. GUSCHARENKO of the Soviet Military
Attaché office in ISTANBUL.
- [iii] Neighbours: Members of another Soviet Intelligence Organization,
in this case Red Army Intelligence (GRU).
- [iv] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. PITIN.

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